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Title: Need to solve the problems faced by the workers of salt producing units of Kutch District, Gujarat due to the hike in railway freight.

SHRI P.S. GADHAVI (KUTCH): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to an issue which concerns my constituency. My constituency produces more than sixty per cent of the salt that is produced in the whole country. Due to hike in the railway freight − an unprecedented hike of 135 per cent in the last Railway Budget − all the salt producing units are being closed down. More than thirty-five thousand families are facing the consequences of unemployment problem. Due to several reasons they will not get any other employment. More than thirty-five thousand families are dependent on these units.

My only request, through you, to the Government is that, the Government should consider reviewing of this unprecedented hike in the next Railway Budget so that the problem of unemployment is solved. That is my only request to you. Thank you.